

## Core Skills Analysis

### Reading Comprehension and Religious Studies

- Matthew practiced reading skills by engaging with text supported by pictures, which aids in understanding narrative structure specifically in a religious context.
- He learned about the story of Noah's Ark from Genesis 6-8, gaining knowledge about key biblical events, characters, and moral lessons related to obedience, faith, and stewardship.
- The use of a comic format helped Matthew recognize the connection between images and text, aiding in sequencing events and visual literacy.
- Through this activity, Matthew was introduced to scriptural storytelling, promoting awareness of cultural and historical religious texts.

### Tips

To deepen Matthew's understanding of the Noah's Ark story and its lessons, consider inviting him to retell the story in his own words or even create his own comic strip depicting the events. Encourage discussions about the themes of responsibility and care for animals, which can be extended to practical learning about animals and nature. Building a simple rain gauge or a weather journal can create experiential connections to the flood narrative. Additionally, exploring other cultural flood stories from around the world could enhance his comparative thinking and respect for diverse traditions.

### Book Recommendations

- [Noah's Ark](#) by Lucy Cousins: A colorful and child-friendly retelling of the biblical story of Noah's Ark, perfect for young readers exploring the narrative in an engaging format.
- [The Beginner's Bible: Noah's Ark](#) by Sparrow Books: This book offers simple text and vibrant pictures to help children understand the story of Noah and the ark from the Bible.
- [God's Promise: The Story of Noah's Ark](#) by Rhona Davies: An illustrated book that shares the Biblical account with a focus on the promise God made to Noah, highlighting themes of hope and faith.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.3 - Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or steps in technical procedures in a text.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.2.7 - Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram) contribute to and clarify a text.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2.4 - Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details.

### Try This Next

- Worksheet: Sequence the Story - Cut and paste comic panels or text excerpts to put the Noah's Ark story in correct order.
- Drawing Task: Design Your Own Animal Pairs - Have Matthew draw pairs of animals that he imagines were on the ark, encouraging imagination and species recognition.